

HAWK HEADLINER

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LEPRECHAUNS AT PLAY

The closest we come to Leprechauns during the month of March are found in the front playground here at the school. Some of the cutest, nicest, smartest Leprechauns you will ever meet can be found each day in our Kindergarten playground. Unfortunately, their play is somewhat limited.

Our Kindergarten students play on some of the oldest equipment in the district. There has not been an update of this playground equipment since the school opened. All of that may be about to change, but only with your help.

Our teachers and our parent group have gotten together to help finance a beautiful new playground for our Kindergarten yard. So far we have \$6,000 committed for the new equipment. Unfortunately, it will cost \$12,000 to buy and install this new play yard.



This is where you come in. Our parent group is dedicating our end of the year fundraisers to this worthy cause. In order to raise the

\$6,000 however, we have to have the most successful fundraisers ever.

When the flyers come home for Earth Day t-shirts, remember, that you are selling to help all future Kindergarten students.

When the Book Fair starts, buy books to build a playground. If you want a more direct approach, please consider a direct donation to the Kindergarten playground fund.

You can monitor the progress of this program by stopping in the school and checking out the tally board in the front office. Let's build that playground!

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Dates of Interest

- 3/4 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 3/5 and 6 Parent Information Night for Grades 7 & 8
- 3/7 Aerial Predators Assembly
- 3/14 SBMC @ 3:45
Family Math Night 7-8 pm
- 3/19 FHEA @ 7 pm
- 3/21 Awards Assemblies
- 3/25 thru 4/1 SPRING BREAK Students return on Tues. 4/2



FAMILY READING RALLY 2002

The kids all called out
They smiled as they beckoned
"Come to the Rally!
It's coming March second!"

A Rally for Reading!
A Rally for you!
With so many wonderful
Things you can do!

Some things you can make
Some things you can see
Some things you can learn
And all things are FREE!

Learn printing with blocks
Hear the radio man
Have fun with the newspaper
Eat "Green Eggs and Ham!"

Get your face painted colors
Paint other things too.
A home in a tree?
Who does that? Who? Who?

And then when you're done
Doing all that you do
You think that you're finished
You sit down and say "Phew!"

There's just one more stop
That you must give a look
It's the place that you'll go
To pick out your free book!

So, come to the Rally!
Come and have FUN!
You'll be glad that you did
You'll be glad what you've
done!



What: Family Reading Rally 2002
Who: All of the Morongo Basin in invited!
When: Saturday, March 2
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Copper Mountain College

All activities are FREE. The first 500 children participating will receive a **FREE book** courtesy of Adelphia Cable and the Morongo Teachers Association.

Speaking of Reading – News from our Library

Some of you might have noticed or heard of a change in the FHES Library. We wish our librarian, Mrs. Shipley, a fond farewell and congratulations as she received a promotion to another school in Morongo Unified.

Sometimes life will allow us to welcome back old friends as is in the case with Friendly Hills. Back in her reading rocker with Paddington bear is our former librarian, Mrs. Kovalleff, affectionately known as "Mrs. K." Mrs. K. is back again spinning her wonderful stories. Currently, children are listening to and making their choices for the "Young Reader Awards", a yearly accolade given to nominated books. Ask your child what good book they've heard read lately.



FRIENDLY
The Friend

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association has been at work this month, doing the business of the parents. Friendly Hills Elementary is fast becoming one of a very few schools where every child has at least one fieldtrip opportunity. Fieldtrips happen because we have an active parent group who work hard to insure that we fundraise in order that students can have the "extras". One of their current projects is to earn matching funds to purchase a new playground apparatus for our kindergartners. This reality will be soon realized and be used for years to come by future FHES youngsters. Please consider becoming an active parent volunteer. We can always use the dedicated help.

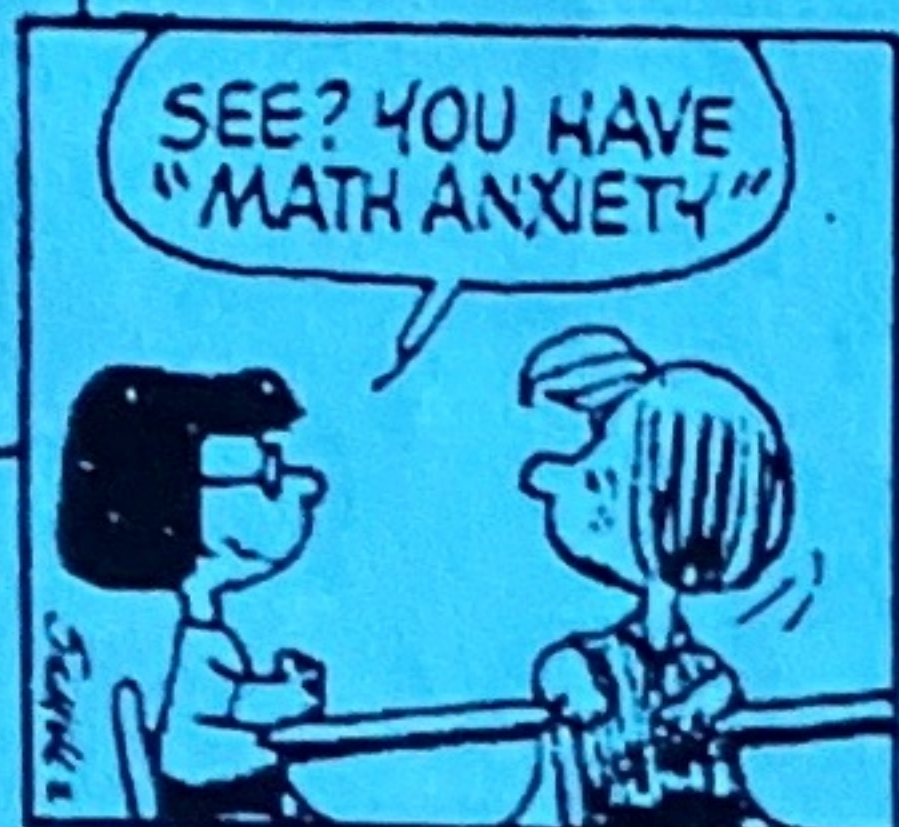
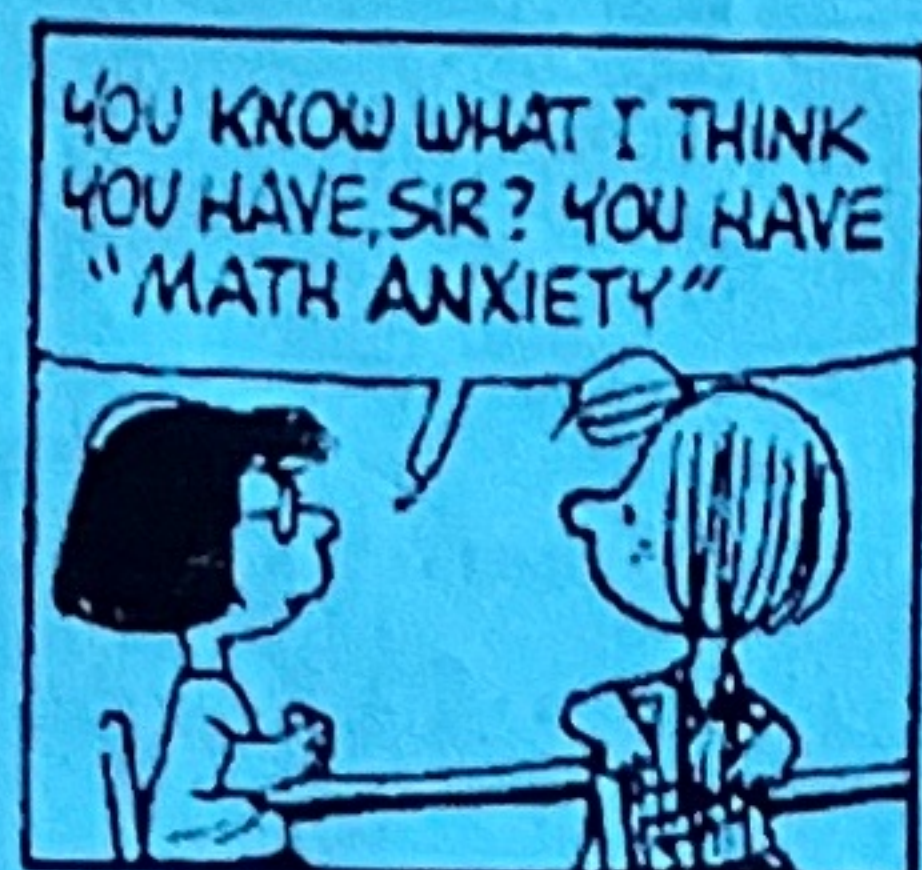


Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Kudos this month to Marilyn Burkett and Eli Colegio who volunteer, faithfully to oversee popcorn sales every other Friday all year long!

Become part of this super group of parents!

Family Math Night



Did you know that in a group of 23 people, there is a better than 50% chance that two of them have the same birthday. Come and discover fun curiosities, great games and puzzles and learn about the mysteries of math. You may also finally be able to get over your math anxiety.

Several of our teachers will be presenting family activities in their classrooms on **MARCH 14 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Come at 6:30 p.m. to solve this problem:

Question:

"What do you get when you add 2 scoops of ice cream and one can of Root Beer?"

Answer:

"The great \$1.00 parent group ice cream float"

Spring Break

Will be from

March 25 through

Monday, April 1

"Using Your Imagination" - Writings from Mrs. Dempsey's Fourth Grade Class

(From Chris Van Allsburg illustrations in "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick")

The Pond By an Angel by Tatiana Alonso



On a warm sunny day a little boy named William was walking home from school. When he got home he caught his older brother digging in the couch for money so he could go to the movies with a girl. He said "Hey little bro". Then he rushed upstairs to his room and did all of his homework. Then his mother got home from the store and said "Hi boys". His father got home from work and they had a great dinner.

The next day he had pancakes and milk, as usual. Then he was off to school. When he got there, Bruce, his best friend, was telling a story. William went over and heard just the beginning. He heard Bruce say, "By an enchanting pond lies a harp that belongs to an angel who comes when there is a bright sun through the beautiful trees". William was shocked! He wouldn't think Bruce would say that! "Oh well", said William. He told his mom when he got home and she said, "I heard that story when I was a child. So go to that pond and find out".

So, William went to the pond after school. But he didn't find anything. William started to say, "there's nothing here". He paused. He saw the harp being shined on so beautifully. Quickly he ran home and said, "mom". No one was there. He ran back to the pond. Then a bright light shown in his eyes. The harp was gone. Then he stayed for awhile. He knew the story was true.

The Book Jungle by Marissa Salomon

One day, a girl named Sara went to a new book store. She saw a weird brown covered book. Sara went there a few times and never saw that book. The title was Jungle. It was a big book with lots of pages. On the front by the title it had vines. There was a man there. He wasn't from around there. He said, "are you sure you want that book?" She said, "yes". "Are you sure? It is very powerful," said the man. "I don't know what you mean," she said. She bought the book and went home and started reading it. She fell asleep with the book open and something unusual happened. Her room became a jungle! Sara woke up and looked for the book to find out what happened in the book. She read for an hour. Sara was at the last page. She found out at the end that the person died. Then Sara closed the book and in a blink of an eye Sara was back in her room. The next day Sara brought the book and receipt to the book store. Sara never ever went to that book store again.



The Wallpaper by Breanna Schoenfeldt

One day a family thought it would be prettier to have bird wallpaper. So they got bird wallpaper. That is when it all started.

One day a girl asked her mom if she could open her window, because it was really hot. Her mom replied, "Yes dear." About an hour after she opened her window, her mom said, "honey we have to go to your grandma's house." Then the girl said "Okay mom, just let me close my window." Then her mom said "no, she is very sick, we have to go."

Then, while they were gone something strange started happening. The birds were coming off the wallpaper! One by one they started going out the window. When they got home, the birds were all over the house! The girl started screaming and the mom fainted. They learned two lessons, never get bird wallpaper, and never leave the window open.

The end



The Rocket House by Lloyd E. Clark, III

One night a boy named Timothy and his parents just got done moving to their new house. Timothy heard stories about this neighborhood from his friends where he used to live. The stories say that there can be a surprise anytime. That night when it was eleven o'clock everyone went to bed. Timothy couldn't sleep that night. Suddenly the house started to rumble and it felt as if the house was flying.

The next day at Timothy's new school he met a boy named Jimmy, and Timothy and Jimmy became good friends. Timothy asked Jimmy if the stories are true. Jimmy said the stories are positively true. That night at eleven o'clock at night, once again the house started to rumble. This time Timothy looked out the window and saw the town below the house.

"Oh my gosh, my house is a rocket!" Timothy said in an excited voice. The next day at school Tim ran to Jimmy and said, "My house is a rocket". Jimmy said, "No way!" "Yes way" said Timothy. Jimmy was going to spend the night. Jimmy and Timothy were up at ten fifty-five at night to find a control system to the house.

When Jimmy got really tired, he leaned against the wall and the wall opened up. They had found the house's control system room. At eleven o'clock, everything in the room went on and the house started rumbling. "What should we do?" asked Jimmy. "Push that off button", said Timothy.

Jimmy ran over to the button and pushed it. The house stopped rumbling and the house fell to the ground. When it was morning, Timothy said to himself, "I'm going to like this new town."



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Look for our school Web site at "Morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morfhe"

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 2500 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated in the year 2000. We are confident that that class, and all who will follow leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

If you are interested in becoming a parent member of this committee, please call Mr. Blanding

veloping our year long school plan. This plan outlines our areas of focus, priorities for spending and our goals in several academic areas. Each year we need new parents to serve on this important committee. The committee meets only one to two hours a month, but makes some of the most important decisions for our children. Please consider volunteering to participate on this committee for the coming year.

Minutes of this committee are posted out front of the school each month and will soon be added to our web site.

In the next few months, we will be doing some very important work. First, we will be distributing and collecting our annual survey. The results of this survey are used to assist us in de-



January Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	moved 8 ★ Rachel Friddle	43 ★ Ryan Fauls	43 ★ Matthew Benke	43 ★ Shelby Sanden
Mr. Bogner	moved 8 ★ Callie McEachern	moved - Shawn Ward	moved - Connor Valentine	moved - Ryan Myers
Mrs. Candelaria	moved K-Prm Maxwell Tree	moved K-Prm Shania Fleig	moved K-Prm Tiffany McCollum	moved K-Prm Ohkwari Tatu
Mr. Chambless	1 ★ Peyton Orten	2 ★ Sierra Butler	2 ★ Joe Robertson	2 ★ Madeline Aiken
Mrs. Dempsey	45 ★ Lucas Cushman	45 ★ Amanda Peper	45 ★ Amber Peterson	45 ★ Tatiana Alonso
Mrs. Friedman	45 ★ Renee Robertson	45 ★ Myles Meza	45 ★ Alisha Colegio	45 ★ Ashley Johnson
Ms. Goodwin	6 ★ Mariah Hammet	6 ★ Laura Flippen	6 ★	6 ★
Mr. & Mrs. Hesse	2 ★ Winter Howard	2 ★ Randee Langley	2 ★ Christopher Elder	2 ★ Leslie Luna
Ms. Hodges	4 ★ Jenna Fisher	4 ★ Ashiana Brown	4 ★ Pam Johnson	4 ★ Taylin Nelson
Mrs. Ladner	6 ★ Nathaniel McPherson	6 ★ John Price	6 ★ Aleah Thallas	6 ★ Katlyn Pranger
Mrs. Mann	4 ★ Cynthia Taylor	4 ★ Jonathon Davis	4 ★ Payton Dawson	4 ★ Felicia McChristian
Mrs. Mitz	2 ★ Matt Rucker	2 ★ Tayanna Ahumada	2 ★ Christian Barnett	2 ★ Caleb Norman
Mr. Reed	7 ★ Michelle Mummey	7 ★ Devin Gomez	7 ★ James Pope	7 ★ Blake Rios
Mrs. Reed	6 ★ Eric Palmer	6 ★ Kelsey Frasher	6 ★ Jordan Johnson	6 ★ Cheyenne Westlake
Mrs. Seacat	1 ★ Myraj McChristian	1 ★ Sam O'Melia	1 ★ Rebecca Phipps	1 ★ Jordan Chartier
Mrs. Strader	7 ★ Audrey Butler	7 ★ Jessica Frasher	7 ★ Cody Ahumada	7 ★ Eric Medwedeff
Ms. Subriar	3 ★ Tiffani Cotney	3 ★ Kyle Phillippe	3 ★ Victor Molina	3 ★ Jake Bigornia
Mrs. Tilson	4 ★ Erin Ingram	4 ★ Seanise Marsh	4 ★ Brent Heller	4 ★ Cathy Cousino
Mrs. Winchell	3 ★ Megan Tree	3 ★ Zachary Sands	3 ★ Ronda Ebeling	3 ★ James Reed



February Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	3 ★ Makayla Archer	3 ★ David Attebery	3 - Brittaney Jund	3 - Logan Goebel
Mr. Bogner	7 ★ Shanel Phillippe	7 - Maria Valverde	7 + Terry Siefker	7 No Picture Ellie Ingram
Mrs. Candelaria	K-Pm Emily Kennedy	K-Pm Mark Tiffany	K-Pm Jack Campos	K-Pm Derek Stafford
Mr. Chambless	2 ★ Joe Robertson	1 ★ Terren Zanella	1 ★ Katie Wade	1 ★ Greyson Benstead
Mrs. Dempsey	4 5 ★ Sean Martel	4 5 ★ Kristina Smith	4 5 ★ Michelle Tuthill	4 5 ★ Jesse Suddreth
Mrs. Friedman	5 ★ Shelby Blair	5 ★ Mitchell Nilan	5 ★ Jessica Morcilio	5 ★ Myles Meza
Mr. & Mrs. Hesse	2 ★ Sarah Fleischman	2 ★ Nicholas Cushman	2 ★ Dylan Masterson	2 ★ Rashaan Iverson
Ms. Hodges	4 ★ Breeana Easley	4 ★ Sarah Mummey	4 ★ Ryan Ghiloni	4 ★ Amanda Gordon
Mrs. Ladner	6 ★ Ariana Rodriguez	6 ★ Joshua Ghiloni	6 ★ Ashley Malone	6 ★ Julio Luna
Mrs. Mann	4 ★ Lexie McNamee	4 ★ Josie Arechiga	4 ★ Chris Shoemaker	4 ★ Crystal Capwell
Mrs. Mitz	2 ★ Shelby Rosenberg	2 ★ Sierra Zacks	2 - Kimane Juneau	2 ★ Robert Krupp
Mr. Reed	7 - Lindsay Longshore	7 ★ Steven Doran	7 ★ Andrew Alday	7 - Breeana Hall
Mrs. Reed	6 - Brandon Durnal	6 ★ Karlee Rhodes	6 ★ Jessica Reyes	6 - Scott Bogner
Mrs. Seacat	1 - Phillip Perry	1 ★ Dakota Alday	1 ★ Daniel Wightman	1 ★ Keith Marsh
Mrs. Strader	7 - Shayla Mills	7 - Nick Colegio	7 - Amanda Jerne	7 - Quinton Cressy
Ms. Subriar	3 ★ Jeremy Dauphinais	No Picture Dylen Cleary	3 ★ Alexandra Jay	3 ★ Michael Klear
Mrs. Tilson	4 ★ Cassie Brohamer	4 ★ Justice Izer	4 ★ Miguel Kee	4 ★ Grace Bogner
Ms. Williams	2 ★ Cornell Gardner	—	4 ★ Alan Sifford	7 ★ Chris Schorer
Mrs. Winchell	3 ★ Katie Mathein	3 ★ Ronda Ebeling	3 - Robert Williams	3 ★ Sara Kennedy



March, 2002

Friendly Hills School

It's better by far
at the rainbow's end
to find not gold
but the heart of a friend

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<div>3</div> <div>17 St. Patrick's Day</div> <div>24</div> <div>25 SPRING BREAK--> (Note that Spring Break goes through Monday, April 1 - Resume on Tues.)</div> <div>31 Easter</div>	<div>4 Teacher/Parent Conference Day (No School)</div> <div>5 Gr. 1 to Living Desert 8:20</div> <div>6 Gr. 7/8 Parent Info Night @ 6:30 BOE 7pm</div> <div>12 Gr. 2 to IMAX 9:45-3:30</div> <div>19 Staff Meeting @ 3:50 FHEA/BOE @ 7pm</div>	<div>6 Gr. 7/8 Parent Info Night @ 6:30</div> <div>13 Gr. 4 to San Juan Cap. Mission 7:30 am-6pm</div> <div>20 MTA Fireside Chat 5-6pm</div>	<div>7 Aerial Predators Assemblies</div> <div>14 SBMC @ 3:45 Family Math Night 7-8pm</div> <div>21</div> <div>28</div>	<div>1 Basic Aid Training (BAT) Gr. 4 1:20-3:20</div> <div>8 Basic Aid Training (BAT) Gr. 4 1:20-3:20</div> <div>15 Basic Aid Training (BAT) Gr. 4 1:20-3:20</div> <div>22 Awards Assemblies and Band Concert K-3-4@9:40 5-6@10:15 K-2 @ 2:45 BAT @ 1:30</div> <div>29 Good Friday</div> <div>30</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9</div> <div>16</div>

